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1. On 25 July 1951, there was almost no traffic across the zonal border north of Coburg (R 51/O 23) because the border was closely guarded for the 1951 International Youth Festival in Berlin.
2. Forty-six German policemen arrived in Holzhausen on 21 July and started requisitioning all cellars cut into the rocky hills in the town. They had the cellars cleared and sealed.
3. In early August, 60 German police arrived in the woods northwest of Truckendorf, west of the Truckendorf-Gersdorf road, in the zonal border sector northwest of Weissenbrunn (R 51/O 58). Local residents said that the police would stay there for only a short period of time. Traffic in the border area was extremely light because of strict control measures.
4. The Soviet detachment in Streufdorf in the border sector northwest of Rodach (R 51/O 19) was increased to 45 men. A detachment of 18 German police has been stationed in Eishausen since the end of July.
5. After three weeks of work, Soviet soldiers completed a perimeter defense position of rifle pits and machine gun emplacements in the Schmoelau area, 10 km northeast of Hittingen (R 53/Y 06), at the beginning of July. The position was not used for military field exercises prior to the middle of July.
6. Several Germans living in the border area made corroborative statements that the Soviet border guard detachment in Dahrendorf, 18 km southwest of Salzwedel (R 53/Y 27), had 18 men.
7. No extraordinary activity was observed along the zonal border from Vorsfelde (R 53/Y 13) as far as Hitzacker (R 54/T 21). Some German police were stationed in Zicherie.

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